

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
SOCIAL WORKER'S SECTION
DECEMBER 5, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Crystal Berg, Cornelia Gordon-Hempe, Muriel Harper, Douglas Knight, Anita Kropf

LEGAL COUNSEL: John Schweitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Karen Rude-Evans, Juliana Reimann

GUESTS: Marc Herstand and Gail Johnson, NASW; Joanne Barndt, UW-Milwaukee

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cornelia Gordon-Hempe called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: -Proposed stipulation – Judy Ann Polifka – Arlington, TX
-Proposed stipulation – Thomas J. Valle, CSW – Hurley, WI
-Proposed administrative warning in the matter concerning Kimberley H. Fischer
-Information on legislation regarding therapy
-Discussion of photos on ACT score reports

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2001

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to approve the Minutes of November 15, 2001, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

JUDY ANN POLIFKA, CAPSW

DOE attorney Jack Zwieg presented a proposed stipulation in the matter concerning Judy Ann Polifka, CAPSW. This matter will be deliberated on in closed session.

THOMAS J VALLE, CSW

DOE attorney Jack Zwieg presented a proposed stipulation in the matter concerning Thomas J. Valle, CSW. This matter will be deliberated on in closed session.

SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These reports were informational.

DISCUSSION OF CE AUDIT

The audit is progressing and each Section member has been reviewing the materials received by the Department.

CLASS I HEARINGS

AMANDA J SIMS

The Section conducted a Class I Hearing on the denial of ICSW certification to Amanda J. Sims. This matter will be deliberated on in closed session.

ANDREA P BIRD

The Section conducted a Class I Hearing on the denial of ICSW certification to Andrea P. Bird. This matter will be deliberated on in closed session.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES FOR APPLICATION REVIEW

GREGORY J PRYOR

Gregory J. Pryor appeared before the Section to answer questions regarding information on his application.

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to approve the APSW application of Gregory J. Pryor and allow him to take the ASWB Intermediate examination. Motion carried unanimously.

DONNA J RHODES

Donna J. Rhodes appeared before the Section to answer questions regarding information on her application. This matter will be deliberated on in closed session.

REPORT OF SCREENING COMMITTEE

Anita Kropf reported the Screening Committee reviewed three cases and none were opened.

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to have Crystal Berg replace Virginia Heinemann on the screening committee. Motion carried unanimously.

PHOTOS ON ACT SCORE REPORTS

Barb Showers discussed with the Section the issue of candidate photos on the ACT score reports. ACT is not able to print the candidate's photo on the same page as the score report. The Section decided the photos are not a good method of identifying candidates, particularly if the photos are printed on a separate page. Wisconsin does not require photos for applications or for examinations.

PROPOSED SUPERVISORY TASK FORCE

This item was postponed until January.

NORTH DAKOTA INFORMATION ON *ETHERAPY*

Douglas Knight handed out information from North Dakota regarding regulation of *eTherapy*.

INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

The Board reviewed the inquiries received by legal counsel and directed Mr. Schweitzer's responses.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f), and (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of deliberation of Class I Hearings, deliberation of proposed stipulations, reviewing applications, reviewing case status report and consulting with legal counsel. Roll call vote: Crystal Berg – yes, Cornelia Gordon-Hempe - yes, Muriel Harper – yes, Douglas Knight – yes, Anita Kropf – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 1:59 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened by consensus at 3:47 p.m., for the purpose of a personal appearance regarding an application.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE FOR APPLICATION REVIEW

MARY A PICHELMAN

Mary A. Pichelman appeared before the Section to answer questions regarding information on her application. This matter will be deliberated on in closed session.

RECONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Crystal Berg moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to reconvene to closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened by consensus at 4:23 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

CLASS I HEARINGS

AMANDA J SIMS

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to reaffirm the denial of ICSW certification to Amanda J. Sims, as she has not had 1600 supervised face-to-face client contact hours in not less than 24 months. Ms. Sims is eligible at this time for ISW certification. Ms. Sims needs seven more months of supervised social work practice, supervised by a CICSW, before she is eligible for ICSW certification. It is noted that Ms. Sims is not currently certified in Wisconsin, and she cannot use the title of “social worker” until she completes either the ISW or ICSW certification process. Motion carried unanimously.

ANDREA P BIRD

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to approve the reciprocal application of, and grant ICSW certification to, Andrea P. Bird. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES/APPLICATION REVIEWS

DONNA J RHODES

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to deny the SWTC application of Donna J. Rhodes as her conviction is substantially related to the practice of social work and Ms. Rhodes is still on probation. Ms. Rhodes may reapply for the social worker training certificate upon successful completion of her probation. Motion carried unanimously.

MARY A PICHELMAN

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Crystal Berg, to approve the SW application of Mary A. Pichelman and allow her to take the ASWB Basic examination. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

THOMAS J VALLE, CSW

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter concerning Thomas J. Valle, CSW. Motion carried unanimously.

JUDY ANN POLIFKA

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter concerning Judy Ann Polifka. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE WARNING

KIMBERLY H FISCHER

MOTION: Crystal Berg moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to issue an administrative warning in the matter concerning Kimberly H. Fischer. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

MOTION: Crystal Berg moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to approve the applications for ICSW certification of **Beth Dodsworth** and **Melanie Wasserman** and approve them to take the ASWB Clinical examination; to grant ICSW certification to **Leona Stern-Tuomala**; and deny the applications for ICSW certification of **Suzanne Howe** and **Nadine Westby**. Motion carried unanimously.

SWTC APPLICATION REVIEWS

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve the internships of **Jessica Billman**, **Lia Maxwell** and **Caryn Toschner**; to approve the degree and employment of **Debbie Smith**; and deny the coursework of **Lisa Hemauer** and **Jenny Skadahl**. Motion carried unanimously.

The SWTC application of **Janet Sterken** will be re-reviewed at the January Section meeting.

CASE STATUS REPORT

MOTION: Crystal Berg moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to close complaint **01 SOC 069** for no violation. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to close complaint **01 SOC 048** for no violation. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

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